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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *Restoring Internet Freedom – WC Docket No. 17-108*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On October 10 and 11, 2017, Leonard Steinberg of Alaska Communications, Richard Cameron of Cameron Law & Policy LLC, and I met with Claude Aiken, Amy Bender, Travis Litman, Jay Schwarz, and Jamie Susskind concerning the regulatory classification of voice over Internet Protocol (VOIP) services. Alaska Communications reiterated concerns raised in comments in the above-captioned docket: that FCC failure to definitively classify VOIP over broadband as an information service puts many service providers at a competitive disadvantage vis-à-vis other VOIP providers. The regulatory uncertainty that exists under an incomplete patchwork of federal, state and local rulings has discouraged Alaska Communications from investing in and deploying advanced VOIP services. The FCC should definitively rule that VOIP over broadband, regardless of who provides it, is an interstate information service.

Please direct any questions concerning this matter to me.

Respectfully submitted,



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